(c) According to the State Government, the overdrafts were not due to wasteful expenditure.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of High Courts in North Eastern region

2065. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government made a commitment to the setting up of separate High Court in each State of the North Eastern region of India;

(b) if so, what are the names of the States in which separate High Courts have so far been set up; and

(c) what were the difficulties in setting up separate High Court in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) It was agreed, in principle, that there should be separate High Courts for each of the States in the north-eastern region, and that in the first instance permanent Benches of the Gauhati High Court be established in the capitals these States after the requisite infrastructural facilities were provided by the State Governments.

Accordingly, a permanent Bench of the Gauhati High Court has been established in Nagaland at Kohima recently. The other States including Tripura, have still to complete the facilities necessary for setting up permanent Benches of the High Court.

Organisation of Loan Mela by United Bank of India, Tripura

2066. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the lead bank of Tripura, the United Bank of India, kept the loan mela in force upto the holding of State Assembly elections in uttar violation of the instructions and directives issued by the Supreme Court prior to the elections;

(b) whether it is also a fact that though many complaints were made to the authorities of the United Bank of India in regard to the sanctioning of loans to the beneficiaries selected in violation of rules and regulations prescribed for this, those complaints were turned down; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the Chairman of the United Bank of India?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) The United Bank of India, the lead bank for State of Tripura has reported that they have not organised any credit camps for the disbursal of loans before the State Assembly Elections. The bank has, also, reported that they did not sanction loans to beneficiaries in violation of any Rules and Regulations on the subject.

(c) Does not arise.

Programme of Holding Loan Melas in Tripura

2067. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commercial banks and gramin banks have totally abandoned the programme of holding loan melas in Tripura;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being proposed by the Central Government to provide loans to the poor people belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MANDHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) There is no programme or scheme formulated either by the